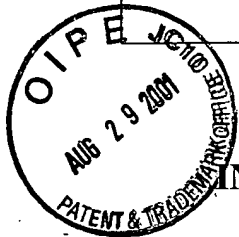


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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2001, the period for response being extended one (1) month by the petition and fee filed concurrently herewith, kindly reexamine and reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 9, 10 and 19 without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 6, 8, 12, 14, 15, 18 and 20 as indicated herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a clean version of the amended claims is provided immediately below and a version of the amended claims with markings showing the changes made follows the remarks section of this Amendment.